Committees. One Committee is under the Chairmanship of the Union Minister overseas overall preparations; a second Committee under the Chairmanship of Director General, Sports Authority of India monitors dicipline-wise preparations.

Implementation of Post based Rosters

*693. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DOPT has introduced "post based rosters' in place of "Vacancy based rosters' for implementing reserving system w.e.f. 2nd July, 1997;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether, while introducing post based rosters in place of Vacancy based rosters, the process of identifying excesses/shortages, if any, in Class I, II, HI and IV category of services under her Ministry was undertaken as prescribed under para (5) of the DOPT O.M. No. 36012/2/96-Estt. (Res.) dated 2nd July 1997; and

(d) if so, the results of such exercise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The post based rosters were introduced keeping in view the fact that the reservation of jobs for Backward classes i.e. SCs/STs/OBCs should apply to posts and not to vacancies.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) As a result of implementation of post based rosters, the excesses and shortages of reserved categories could be identified by the Ministry in different categories of posts. This would help the Ministry to fill the prescribed percentage in the reserved categories, in future.

Greater Managerial Autonomy to PSUs

*694. SHRI CM. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

'(a) whether Government propose to give greater managerial autonomy to PSUs as indicated by the Prime Minister at the Awards giving ceremony for Excellence for Public Sector Undertakings on April 1, 2000; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard indicating increase in autonomy desired?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) PSUs managements have been given due autonomy having regard to their categorisation. Furthermore, grant of autonomy to the PSUs is a continuous process in relation to emerging situations.

Disclosure of Black Money by Indian Cricketer

*695. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that an Indian test cricket player had declared a high amount of black money under the Scheme of Voluntary Disclosure of Income;

(b) if so, the name of the player and the amount he had declard;

(c) whether the above mentioned player had any contact with the cricket match betters in India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) to (d) As per information received from Central Board of Direct Taxes, the declarations made under the Voluntary Disclosure of Income Scheme, 1997 are confidential and the requisite information cannot be disclosed as per Section 72 of the Scheme.

Facilities to Senior Citizens

*696. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propsoe to extend similar facilities to senior citizens, which are being given to the handicapped- persons, since people after the age of 65 are almost handicapped;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) No, Sir.